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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:11.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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JUSTIFICATION A BIBLE DOCTRINE

Justified by Faith And Justified by The Blood of Jesus, And Also by His Resurrection.

THE EXPERIENCE DEFINED.

No matter what the experience of a person, he should never lose sight of justification. This is an essential doctrine all the way through the Christian life, and should be cherished and honored by every lover of Jesus.

Some may think that justification is of little importance, but it is evident that if one is not justified by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ he is not a fit subject for heaven. Paul says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ." (Rom. 3:28, 24.) He makes this still clearer when he writes to Titus and tells him something of the love of God toward men. "But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by work of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:4-7.)

In the light of the above Scripture we conclude that justification is a Bible doctrine, and is an experience without which we would fall under the condemnation described by Paul in a previous verse. In this verse Paul describes our condition before we are justified. He says, "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another." (Titus 3:3.) This is a brief description of a person that has not reached the experience of justification.

I want what I am going to say to count for what it is worth. I am not going to follow the rules of writing altogether, but I want to get as close to my loved ones and do them as much good as possible. I want every one of you to notice carefully as we proceed. It may seem a little close, but we are all anxious to measure perfectly to God's standard.

The first thought to which I wish to call attention is the fact that those who are not justified are disobedient. Paul says, "We ourselves were . . . disobedient" before we were justified by His grace. If disobedience is a mark that shows one has not been justified, it is none the less a mark which shows that one is not justified at the time of disobedience even after he has once been justified. In other words, when one has been converted and has become a child of God, if he becomes disobedient he forfeits his

experience of justification. This same analogy applies in any experience in the Christian graces. One may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, but if he wilfully disobeys God in some manner he drops below justification—he is not then justified. In reference to this Paul adds, "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works." (Titus 3:8.) and it is evident that Paul meant that to disobey would cause one to drop below justification, thus he exhorts us to maintain good works. Of course this means obedience.

Here is the cause of some losing their victory and good experience they once enjoyed without entering into some outward or open sin like going to the picture shows, or using tobacco, or stealing, or lying or other like things. They have only failed to obey or do something that God's Word says they should do. Some have failed to wash feet when opportunity was given, some have failed to attend public worship, some neglected their family worship, some have failed to pay tithes when the light came. Only last Sunday a confession of this was made by a dear brother in whom I had much confidence. But God gave him repentance and blst him when he began to pay tithes again. Others have made similar confessions about the tithe paying. Paul says, "Be careful to maintain good works," the same as to say if you do not you will not be justified.

With disobedience comes being deceived. Those who are deceived are classed with the disobedient. This fact would certainly cause one to want to be sure he is not deceived, and be sure he is right. If one is mislead and deluded by some misunderstanding of God's Word, or by a teacher who is teaching false doctrine, he is deceived. Then according to the above analogy such a person is not justified. And this is a matter too serious to pass over too lightly. This responsibility is not only on the one that is deceived, but upon the deceiver. This is a time when deception is running rampant over the earth. It is a mark of the last days. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse" says Paul, "deceiving, and being deceived." Now if being deceived is one mark to show that one is not justified, how necessary it is to see that we are not deceived.

Here is one reason why I always like to be in perfect harmony with others. I would be afraid to stand on a plain to myself, but when I have the appro-

bation of others whom I have reason to believe are capable of knowing, I feel safe. "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." (Prov. 11:14.) If I can follow in the footprints of the apostles I feel safe. I do not believe I am deceived when I accept the teaching of Peter and Paul and the others on healing, the tongues, sanctification, justification or anything else. If I accept teaching contrary to Peter, Paul and the others I am deceived and fall from justification. Is this too strong? I know the very best of us will have to be careful in these last days on this point for Jesus gives warning for the last days when He says, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt. 24:24.)

This matter of deception is a serious one, and it comes in connection with our subject of justification because Paul shows that those who are deceived are not justified, no matter how honest and sincere they may be. Paul gives extended warnings about deception. I will give a few passages: "Let no man deceive himself." (1 Cor. 3:18.) This shows the danger of one living to himself. It is better to have counsel. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (Jas. 1:22.) To have the Word read and expounded to one and then not obey its teachings, means he deceives himself, and if he does this he is not justified. It is evident that some people

who were once justified are not justified now because they have been hearers of the Word on certain points and not doers. They are deceiving their own selves by thinking they are justified when they are not. This is indeed serious. I am afraid I am acquainted with some of this class. They are trying to hold their justification under the preaching and teaching of sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost without going on into these latter experiences. According to the present analogy of Paul's teaching this is impossible, though they are professing to be justified and say that if they should die without having obtained the other experiences they would be saved. This is deception according to James, and to accept such a theory would mean to believe that people can go to heaven without being justified, which is not true.

To show how dangerous Paul regarded deception I will add a few Scriptures and hasten on. "Be not deceived." (1 Cor. 6:9, 1 Cor. 15:3, Gal. 6:7.) "Let no man deceive you." (Eph. 5:6, 2 Thes. 2:3, 1 John 3:1.) "If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself." (Gal. 6:3.) This reminds me of one who recently took a stand against the decision of the Assembly on a certain Bible teaching. It is certainly a sad thing for one lone man to stand against so many counselors and oppose their teaching when they are capable men and earnestly searching the Bible for all it contains. "If

any man among you seem to be religious, and bridle h not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." (James 1:26.) This points out that this man whose religion is vain because he does not bridle his tongue, and talks too much, thinks he is a saved man and ready for heaven when it is not that way.

The next point Paul makes that proves one is not justified is, "Serving divers lusts and pleasures." This accounts for some of our young people taking the back seats and refusing to pray when called on, and ceasing to testify. They have engaged in some worldly pleasure and lusted after something the Bible forbids and thus lost their experience of justification. This is serious, and must be counteracted in some way or many will be lost eternally.

Paul's next point is, "Living in malice and envy." Those who do this are not justified. To have malice one only has to hold a grudge or have ill feeling toward another. One that does this, according to Paul and the above analogy, is not justified. A stronger definition of malice is, "Evil intention to injure others; spite." The word "Envy" has almost the same meaning. It means; "malice, ill will; displeasure felt at the excellence or prosperity of another."

We do not want to leave this until we have considered Paul's last condition that causes a break in the experience of justification—"Hateful, and hating one another." (Continued on page 4.)

"Thou Art Weighed in The Balances, And Art Found Wanting."

JOHN W. PITCHER.

wall; he is filled with consternation; his face turns a deathly pallor and his knees knock together. An awful solemnity falls upon that banquet chamber and all present are frightened beyond measure. The king looks at the handwriting on the wall which no man in the land can, without God's help, interpret. He calls for the wise men, soothsayers and astrologers, the men who are drawing salaries for interpreting, and inquires of them the meaning of this writing, but none of the company can interpret it. (God says, not many wise are called. It's not always the wise in their own estimation who know God's will.)

When God wanted to get a message to men, He could get it to them. God showed Daniel all about the writing. Some one told the king about Daniel; he at once sent for him and when Daniel went into his presence, Belshazzar addressed him thus:

"I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing: And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make in-

terpretations and dissolve doubts now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom. Daniel replied, "Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king." Daniel was a preacher who was not for sale.

Brethren, an accusing conscience is not an agreeable companion for a man to have. If he kneels down to pray, he sees before him things he has not made right; he remembers the ungodly thoughts that have been in his mind; he thinks of the awful deeds committed perhaps ten or twenty years ago; he thinks of how his life is not measuring up to the Word of God. Perhaps in the past, God has wonderfully used him, but now pride has taken possession; still his mind wanders back to the time when he was small in his own eyes. Oh God! how these things float down upon the memory of conscience-stricken men and women who have once known God, but are now suff' ring more or less with a big head. And may God keep these things haunting them until they get them under the blood of Jesus Christ.

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extending the circulation this
year. Surely we must reach ten
thousand soon.We very much appreciate the
interest many of our friends are
showing and the assistance they
are giving. They know the paper
can go where they cannot.One new student came into
the Bible training school this
week. We are still looking for
others. Those who commenced
at the first are getting on fine.
The work is interesting and in-
spiring and all are anxious to learn
for God's glory.Since the postage rates have
been increased we have not been
acknowledging receipts of sub-
scriptions and bills paid like we
have been doing heretofore. I
hope no one will feel offended
at this, or think their assistance
and payments are not appreciated,
because I assure you that they are,
but we have to economize and save
every expense we can, and this is one way to do
this. When any one asks for a
receipt we will try and furnish
it, but where it can be avoided
consistently we feel it should be
in order to save postage.Three or four of the Overseer's
councilors were in the office
recently examining the records
and reports concerning the new
tithing system, and they were
highly pleased with the reports,
manner of bookkeeping, etc.They feel that we have struck
the right line, and are only wait-
ing further developments and
fuller reports so they can lend
their assistance in working out
the complete system. Have re-
ceived many letters telling how
well the churches and ministers
are pleased. Many feel that on
account of it God is pouring out
His blessing and many are get-
ting energized and stirred. Re-
ports from many places show
that most all churches are feel-
ing a spirit of uplift, and many
report great victory and won-
derful outpourings. While these
funds are authorized sent to the
General Overseer, please re-
member that they are under
the control of him and his coun-
cillors and he uses none of them
for himself or family.

Look And Read!

Surely there must be some
plan devised to greatly increase
the circulation of the Evangel.
Many are getting their souls fed,
and are greatly blest by its
visits, but think of the multi-
tudes that never heard, they too,
need the benefits derived from
reading its pages. We very
much appreciate the loving as-
sistance of our many friends in
placing it in new homes, but con-
sidering the necessity of the
hour, the circulation is increas-
ing too slow, we are going to the
trouble and expense of placing a
subscription blank in the hands
of some one in every local
church. I kindly ask those who
receive them to make a special
effort to secure subscriptions and
renewals. If any of those re-
ceiving the blanks cannot do
the work please put them in the
hands of some willing worker
that can attend to it. Please do
your best to fill them with
names. Make special effort to
get subscriptions for a year, but
if you exhaust all your efforts to
secure a yearly subscription and
fail, try a six months or three.
Do not allow any one to turn you
down and not subscribe at all.
Remember this gospel must go
and we must be persistent, but
always in the right spirit of
course.

"THOU ART WEIGHED IN THE BAL-
ANCES, AND ART FOUND WANTING."
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the wall shall refresh the memory
of some one who reads this mes-
sage. God Almighty is writing
your record; He is weighing you
in the balances.

Daniel looked Belshazzar in
the face and told him of the
glory and power of his father,
Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, of
how he became lifted up with
pride and was deposed from his
kingly throne, and that he, Bel-
shazzar, though he knew all this,
had not humbled himself before
God, but had lifted himself up
against the Lord of heaven.

Some people think that God
does not intend to punish them;
others think He could not possibly
get along without them, so
they go on spreading themselves
in their conceit; but God is going
to bring them into judgment.
He may allow their pride and
wickedness to go on for awhile,
but He will eventually hurl them
from their places.

Belshazzar found in Daniel a
person who dared to look him in
the face and tell him the truth.
Thank God for that kind of a
preacher, one who did not care
what it would cost to tell the
truth! That is the kind God
wants in these days.

Daniel was the only man in the
great city of Babylon whom God
could use to interpret the writ-
ing, and He helped him when he
stood before the king. Jeremiah
was told to go about the streets of
Jerusalem looking for a man who
would execute judgment and
seek the truth. It costs some-
thing to tell the truth.

Think of the holy men since
Daniel's time whose heads have
been taken off because they told
men the truth! From the time
of John the Baptist down to the
present age, men and women
have been beheaded for the
truth's sake, but from the age of
Nathan the prophet to this
present time God has had a few
men who have had backbone
enough to look people in the face
and tell them the truth.

God is going to give gifts unto
men who will be true to Him.
The devil may tell you that you
will be put out of the church for

telling the truth, but you will
never be put out of God's
Church. About the time the
devil has the obituary written
for the paper God sends deliver-
ance.

Daniel told Belshazzar of his
sin in bringing the vessels of the
Lord's house and using them in
his banquet for these wicked
persons, and that God had sent
the hand which wrote: Mene—
God hath numbered thy king-
dom and finished it; Tekel—Thou
art weighed in the balances and
art found wanting; Peres—Thy
kingdom is divided and given to
the Medes and Persians. Take
heed, brethren, that you do not
get out of the will of God and
lose your kingdom.

I shall take my Bible for a
moment or two and see if I can
weigh you. The first weight is
not very large but I will put it in:
"If any man love the world, the
love of the Father is not in him."
Now how are you on loving
the world? Some people say,
"Oh, I don't care a thing
about dress." But that is not
the only thing included in love
for the world. Do you wish you
were back in the old worldly
life again? Perhaps you are
engaged in God's work. Is there
anything in your heart that says,
"I wish I were back with my
friends, or I wish I had the money
to go back home?"

"Well," you say, "the preacher
has an easy time." I am
working harder than when I re-
ceived fifty dollars (\$50) per week.
There is no man who has enough
ability to hold a revival but that
could go out and earn a salary if
he chose to do it.

"Well," says someone, "I be-
lieve everyone ought to carry a
little life insurance to leave his
family after death." The Scrip-
ture says, "Leave thy fatherless
children, I will preserve them
alive; and let thy widows trust in
me." We put the weight on one
side and the husband with the life
insurance on the other; just as he
goes up the other side goes down.
He throws the life insurance
away and the scale begins to
balance. Are you willing to
step in God Almighty's balances
and be weighed?

It is a wonderful satisfaction
to know that our walk with God
is just what He wants it to be.
We can take this Bible up and
by the grace of God turn through
Genesis and clear on through to
Revelation, and like John, can
eat it and say it tastes good.

Weighed and found wanting!
That is an awful condition, a
terrible calamity. But thank
God, we can be like the dear
saint of whom we have just read.
When she came to her last hours
and began to sing "On the way,"
she felt the power of an endless
life in her soul; and upon awak-
ening in the morning would be
disappointed to find that she was
not on the inside of the Pearly
Portals.

"Whosoever exalteth himself
shall be abased; and he that
humbleth himself shall be ex-
alted."

Fonda, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for full sal-
vation. I praise Him for the
baptism with the Holy Ghost
and the evidence of speaking in
other tongues.

There is a band of baptized
saints here and how I long to
see them come together. I be-
lieve in the Church of God and
the assembly. I long to become
a member.

I want all the saints to pray
for me that I may be lead by
the Spirit of God.

My door is open to the saints
of God at any time.

Your brother in Christ,

L. E. Jones.

An Open Letter

[Below is given a letter writ-
ten by Mrs. P. R. Rushin and
addressed to the various branch-
es of Pentecostal work. We give
it to our friends for the informa-
tion it contains. We trust it
will be interesting to many.
—Ed.]

Beloved of God called to be
Saints, with all that in every
place call upon the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Grace
be unto you, and peace, from
God our Father, and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Now I beseech you, brethren,
by the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that ye all speak the same
thing, and that there be no divi-
sions among you; but that ye be
perfectly joined together in the
same mind and in the same judg-
ment.—1 Cor. 1:10.

Beloved, for some months I
have desired to write you, regard-
ing an important subject, which
for some time has lain very
heavily upon my heart.

Having received the baptism
of the Holy Ghost ten years ago
and having been connected with the
Pentecostal Movement, I speak
as one from within.

Shortly after I received my
baptism, I left the Methodist
church of which I was a member,
to worship with others of God's
children who had obtained like
precious faith.

Those of you who were in
"This Way," in those early days,
well remember how God did bless
and pour out His Spirit. There
was such oneness and blessed fel-
lowship among us, until it truly
seemed the repetition of Apostolic
days.

However, as time passed my
heart was greatly grieved as I
came in contact with some who
were false and out preaching under
the name of Pentecost, and bring-
ing much reproach and per-
secution upon the cause we love
so well by their manner of life
and teaching. Truly all were
made to suffer and many honest
souls to stumble.

But because of the absence of
church government, and lack of
co-operation between the various
Pentecostal Missions, there was
no way to deal with such, as it
seemed in a way every man was
a law unto himself and was free
to do or teach as he pleased.
Under such conditions there was
no way of disciplining such per-
sons, or of letting the outside
world know that Pentecost did
not stand for or sanction such.

Having been bound so long by
the creeds of men, and having
been brought out of bondage into
such glorious liberty, we became
opposed to organization and
therefore did not see God's
government He has laid down in
His Word, and we put the Spir-
itual application upon many
Scriptures which have a tempo-
ral and practical meaning. Our
former churches having gone to
extremes in organization—ex-
alting the letter and killing the
Spirit, we swung to the other
extreme.

We were new and inexperi-
enced in "This Way," and had
much to learn. We did not
seem to realize that some who
said they were called to preach,
go to foreign lands or engage in
certain other works, could be
mistaken, or that a call to go
often means preparation and
proving at home.

In the beginning of the year
1911 I was on a short visit to
my old home at Valdosta, Ga.,
where I had received my bap-
tism. The saints there were
coming together under the name
of the Church of God, and I felt
that all the Pentecostal people

were going to get together under
that name and I did not want to
be left out. Therefore I had
them take my name also. As
there were no Church of God
people in the city where I lived,
and I did not get the church
paper, and as I did not at that
time investigate further con-
cerning its teaching, I was not
very well informed on the sub-
ject. I knew it was the Biblical
name, but so far as seeing it in
God's Word as His government
I had not, but it was because I
was not awakened on the subject
and had not really looked for it.
I was still afraid of organization.

After a time wolves crept into
the Pentecostal movement bring-
ing false doctrines and leading
away many and unsettling
others. The flocks were left
scattered, torn and bleeding,
truly as sheep having no sheep-
herd. I am sure there have been
times with many of us when our
hearts have almost broken over
the situation, and we have al-
most despaired of ever realizing
the fulfillment of our Saviour's
prayer that we might be one.

The Spirit has often wept
through me as I have prayed
and agonized over the havoc di-
visions have wrought, and I
have wondered was there no solu-
tion to all this? Surely God
must have a way and plan for
His people!

When again on a visit to my
old home, some of the saints
spoke of the Lord showing them
the truth of His Church, I did
not understand what they meant.
I had seen the name in the
Word; that was all I knew.
However after some time I be-
came more interested, but my
husband who had not received
his baptism, arranged for us to
come to China under a Baptist
work, as he was a member of a
Baptist Church. I greatly de-
sired that we come out under the
Church of God people and it was
one of the hardest trials I have
had in years to come out under
that Baptist Mission. I wrote
them my full experience and it
was published in their paper
and in the face of all that they
sent us on. Of course I prayed
much about it and felt it was
a great opportunity to give my
testimony to people who perhaps
would not listen if coming from
any other source. I had a secret
hope they would reject us, but
after they did not but seemed
the more anxious to send us on,

I felt that if they could accept
me I certainly ought to be will-
ing to go and leave the result
with God. They were strangers
to me for had they known me no
doubt they would not have sent us.
However, it does seem the
Lord made them blind for the
time being and used them to
send His Truth to those of their
own mission.

I continued to pray the Lord
to work in some way and was
not surprised when we were de-
layed in Seattle, Washington
(when enroute to China) two
weeks and my husband sought and
received the baptism there.

We continued our journey to
Tianan, Shantung, China, and
the saints everywhere, in America
and in many other lands I
think, have heard of the Lord
pouring out His Spirit there
in that Baptist mission in about
one month after our arrival, of
our being put out of the mission,
support taken away, etc.

It was about this time that a

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Walkerville, Mich.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have conducted a number of successful meetings around here since October. About fifty souls have been saved. Praise God! All honor and glory belong to Him.

The meeting here began last Wednesday and will continue another week and perhaps longer. I need some one to lead the singing for me, so pray God to supply all my needs.

I would like for the saints to pray for this meeting; also that the Lord will supply the means for a gospel car.

Your sister,
Elizabeth M. Seeley.

St. Michael, Barbados.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I write to inform you of the loss of my husband, Elder Joseph. He left here Oct. 11, 1917 for Tennessee but could get no further than St. Thomas.

At the time of his leaving home he had a very bad cold and hemorrhages of the lungs, but having faith in God he would go anyway. On the way he became worse and was left in St. Thomas. He continued to grow worse and I heard nothing of his whereabouts until I received a letter yesterday informing me that he died Dec. 4, leaving his testimony behind. He was faithful to his death. God bless him!

Brother, I can say, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." I shall yet praise Him for His wonderful goodness to me.

I mean to remain here until the Lord shows me what to do. There is much to be done and we need some help, but I am looking up to Jehovah; He has promised to supply our needs. Bless His name! I am trusting Him.

I close. Still abiding in Christ Jesus,

L. Joseph.

We feel somewhat disappointed because our dear brother has been called away at this time, as we were expecting him to assist us in the work on those islands, but can say, "Thy will be done," and trust God to raise up some one else to take his place.

Sister Joseph has our sympathy in her bereavement.—Ed.

Whittier, Cal.

To the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings:

This is my second Sunday here in Whittier. I met with the dear saints of the Church of God here on the last Sunday in December. We had three services in which the spirit of Christ was certainly manifested. We also had three services yesterday, and oh, such love and power and sweet fellowship and unity prevailed! I certainly believe God has some dear ones here who mean to go through.

They have rented the Congregational Church on Greenleaf Ave., near the center of the town where it is accessible to nearly everybody. There are two prayer meetings each week.

There is some opposition, of course, with which to contend; the Gospel Trumpet Church of God people are here and they are split in two factions and it is a little hard for people to understand just who were till they come to hear us. We need your prayers much.

I wish to say to my dear friends at home that possibly I

shall never see some of you again and I can't write to so many, but I never shall forget your fellowship in the Spirit. Please pray for me and the work here. I will certainly appreciate a letter from any of you. Write me at the above address.

God bless you all.
Your little brother,
Jonah L. Shelton.

Report.

The first quarterly meeting of the Alabama City district has come and gone. It was a success in many ways. We had a wonderful time.

We gave lectures on the work of the Assembly from the minutes of the thirteenth Assembly. Every phase of the work of the church was considered.

Sister Howell preached on Friday night. The Lord was present. Some came to the altar for prayer. One or two got blessed.

Saturday was given to the study and explanation of the minutes. Saturday night Brother R. S. Robinson brought us a good message on the Church of God. A good altar service followed.

Sunday morning at 9:30, Sunday school began. I must say Alabama City has the most spiritual Sunday school I ever attended. After the lessons are recited the junior classes are marched to the front in order of classes forming a square according to size, the smallest in front. Then they are drilled in singing, and oh! how they can sing. We all wept and shouted while they sang. After singing five or six songs, Brother Gann, their pastor, gave them a good drill in the Word of God, in which they recited from memory the books of the Old and New Testaments, giving the number of chapters in each book. Then they were instructed in the doctrines of the church. If you want to be in a model Sunday school, go to Alabama City.

After the Sunday school Sister Gertude Jackson brought one of the sweetest and best messages on love to which I ever listened. A good altar service followed in which earnest seekers cried out to God for victory.

We had another interesting service Sunday night. An offering was taken and the amount of forty dollars (\$40.00) was contributed to help on a new church. This scribe brought the message which seemed to be interesting to all present.

Brother Gann busied himself seeing after the comfort of the visitors. About thirty were in attendance from the different local churches of the district. This meeting must have a good effect.

God bless you all.
J. B. Ellis.

Notice.

Jesse Rogers is overseer of the Toccoa district in the state of Ga. The district includes seven counties—Stephens, Habersham, Towns, Raburn, Banks, Franklin, Hart. If there are any scattered members in any of these counties who would be glad to have services in their locality, he will be glad to hear from them. Also, if there are any who desire to help him in the work, address him at Mountain City, Ga.

Gone to be With Jesus.

On December 27th, 1917, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Henry Ledford of Louisville, Ky., and carried away their little daughter, Iva Alpira, aged four months. The funeral service was conducted by our pastor W. S. Gentry. The body was laid away in the Portland cemetery to await the resurrection.

The bereaved parents can say with David, "She cannot come to us, but we can go to her."

A friend,
Chas. E. Lockard.

Monteagle, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am so glad I ever found this blessed way. I praise the Lord for forgiving my sins, cleansing me and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I praise Him too, for His healing power.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I shall always be an overcomer. I pray God to help me to press onward and do something for Christ.

Your sister in Christ,
Frances Tucker.

Oppy, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

Brother Rumler set the church in order at this place last August. He did a good work here. We appreciated his preaching. He preached with power.

Brother S. C. Luther and wife were here in December and held some profitable prayer meetings. One received the Holy Ghost. They have been a great help to us. Pray that the Lord will open the way for them to come back.

I am living nearer the Lord than I ever did before, but I desire the prayers of all the readers that I may get so close to the Lord that He will baptize me with the Holy Ghost.

Your brother,
Willie Burgett.

Hiawassee, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Brother Arthur Fortner, of Cliff View, Va., has just closed a week's meeting here, which proved to be a great blessing to both saints and sinners. The power fell during all the services in a wonderful way. The saints danced, and shouted and talked in tongues. At one service every sinner in the house was in the altar.

Two members of the Pentecostal Holiness Church were added to the Church of God.

Brother Fortner preaches the Word in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. He has been a father to the church here and we appreciate his work.

There is a faithful few here that means to go all the way with Jesus. We desire the prayers of all the saints that we may be shining lights to the world and be ready when Jesus comes.

Your sister in Jesus,
Susie Kemp.

Gone To Be With Jesus.

Dear Brother Mark Broom departed this life Jan. 6, 1918, He was a consecrated Christian and was a member of the Church of God at Rome, Ga. He leaves a message for those who are left behind to look for him when we reach the other shore.

Brother Broom leaves to mourn his loss a wife and six sons.

One who loved him.

Stewart, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for full salvation through Jesus' blood. I am so glad the Lord picked me up out of sin and saved me, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Glory to Jesus! By His help I mean to go all the way with Him.

Please pray for me that I may be ready when He comes.

Your sister in Christ,
Bertha Fox.

AN OPEN LETTER
(Continued from page 2.)

dear sister began sending me "The Church of God Evangel." Its visits were a real feast to my soul, and I began to write to the paper occasionally and became better acquainted with the Church of God and saw it was God's government for His people.

This light did not dawn upon me suddenly, it was after seeing and feeling a great lack of oneness and united effort in Pentecostal work on the foreign field as well as at home. After much prayer and meditation on the subject I saw God's government so plain in His Word and that we had suffered because of the absence of it. Later my husband saw the same and we became united on this point.

It is not our desire or intention to leave our brothers and sisters behind us, but hope to take them with us, and that the blessed fellowship long enjoyed among us shall grow and ripen and become more blessed because of a greater oneness and closer union.

Now that so many of the Lord's children seem to feel a need, or lack of successful plans in regard to the foreign mission work, I want to say, beloved, that we must have God's government if we expect to accomplish His purpose in carrying this gospel to all the world. We really cannot continue further without it.

Instead of increasing in the number of missionaries on the mission field we have decreased. Surely there is some reason and remedy for all this! In many cases the cause of the missionary's short stay on the field lies at the door of the people at home, because we have failed as a whole to be "labourers together with God." So when some fail at home we cannot expect that there will not be failure on the foreign field.

Jesus said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

We have this Scripture demonstrated to us in the work of the various denominational Boards if you will take notice of how they work TOGETHER to promote and further the work of their denomination, while we who have been entrusted with the greatest message the world ever knew, and who should stand together as one man against the forces of evil, to promote and further this glorious gospel are terribly separated and divided. Truly a house divided against itself cannot stand, and can it be said of us, "Behold how they love one another?"

Some oppose system or government in connection with the foreign work, especially in the distribution of funds. But a system is already in use which is not giving satisfaction. Those who have charge of the distribution of funds desire, I am sure, to do the will of God in the matter, but because of the lack of co-operation all around, they are not in position to know and understand conditions on the field.

Sometime ago there was much published about contributing mostly to those who had established works. Well, beloved, what about those who have no work, but are just as anxious to have one as those who have?

Then there are two ways of doing work. It is an easy matter to hire evangelists and teachers who profess religion and open schools and stations in several places if one has money to do it

with, and report great things; but to let God call and direct in the preparation of these workers and their support it is a different matter, and sometimes does not sound so big to people at home. "O for a clean work rather than a big work!"

Under such an arrangement the ones who write the not letters, and keep themselves and their work before the people at home, naturally receive the most help. But beloved, these things ought to be. Surely this is not God's plan, else it would work better all around.

When so much time is spent in letter writing, it takes from work or language study, besides it is expensive. A monthly letter from the missionary, published in a paper that all can read, to help encourage the missionary spirit seems quite sufficient.

The mission property at present is owned and controlled by individuals, and if a new missionary has not sufficient means to start a place of his own, he is often greatly handicapped and have practically no voice in the work. No one individual should have the authority to lord it over God's heritage. We should have God's government for all to be subject to, and be laborers together with Him.

Beloved, many things I would love to write unto you on this line, but the subject is such a great and important one I can only touch on it in this letter. However, in order that you may better understand the subject of my letter I have had some tracts prepared from an editorial by Brother A. J. Tomlinson in The Church of God Evangel, published at Cleveland, Tenn. The Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided, but for the benefit of some who would like to know, I am adding to the tract some of the teaching that is made prominent.

Also I have put in tract form an article which was published in the Bridegroom Messenger of April 1918. This writer is wholly unknown to me, but this is such a splendid and timely article, I feel its mission has not been fulfilled, so I take the liberty of sending it forth again.

The dear Lord has been pleased to work among individuals here and I believe great and mighty victory is at hand. I would love to write you fully regarding His dealings and movements here, but my letter is already lengthy. However I hope, D. V., to send out a report at an early date.

Beloved, continue to pray for us that the will of God may be fully wrought in our hearts and lives, and that the coming days may be more filled with His power and blessing than we have ever before realized.

With a heart full of love and prayers for the whole family of God, and desiring that we all have His best and be our best for Him, I remain yours for His glory and the spreading of this glorious gospel,

Mrs. P. R. Rushin.
Beloved Friends: In His Name I wish to say, Amen! and place my name to all this my dear wife has written herein.

Your brother in gospel bonds,

P. R. Rushin.

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Sunburst, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God for victory over the enemy. Hallelujah! I still find peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Praise God forever!

We are all praising God for His blessings during the past year and expecting greater things through this new year.

May God bless and keep His children true to Him and save such as will be saved.

I am glad to say I am robed and ready to go to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Please pray for me that I may ever wave the banner of salvation high.

Nellie Jones.

Cascilla, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I do praise the Lord for the way He is blessing His children. I am so glad He ever saved me and sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

I want to do more for the Lord this year than I ever have before.

I want all of God's children to pray for my healing. I have been in poor health for some time. I know the Lord is able to heal our bodies as well as to save our souls.

Your sister in Jesus,
Lucinda Fowler.

South Norfolk, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise Jesus for what He has done for me. He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost.

Perilous times are upon us; let us stand fast in the faith for the end is drawing near. Let us have our house built upon the rock so that the devil cannot overthrow us. Let us pray as we have never prayed before that lost souls may be brought to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

E. M. Byrum.

Lake Park, Ga.

Dear Evangel Family:

The Lord gave us a good Christmas meeting and did wonderful things for me.

I had several bad hemorrhages of the lungs. The blood would come up in my mouth so fast I could hardly speak, but when I did I would say "glory!" I made up my mind that I was going to heaven, the place I had been telling people of for two years.

The saints came in and prayed for me at different times and I would get better but I would soon have another hemorrhage. I spit up blood all the time, sometimes a teacupful at one time.

But one day after I had told my wife that I would soon go home to glory, I was in my room alone praying, when the power of the Lord came down and the Holy Ghost took hold of me and the Lord said, "Write." I got a pencil and the power of the Holy Ghost came upon me and I wrote. Of course, I could not read it but the Lord gave Brother Charley Culpepper the interpretation which was this:

"Never question my will. If you are sick, just glorify me. Honor me with your being, in sickness or in health. I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be true."

One night I said to my wife: "I believe the Lord is going to heal me;" and about that time I felt the trouble go. You know I felt good. I do praise the Lord for what He has done for me I

never will be able to tell it.

The meeting was one of the best I was ever in. The Lord certainly did bless. Souls were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and backsliders were reclaimed.

Some came from the north and some from the south; among the number was Brother Curtis.

There was much love and unity among the saints. Everybody worked in such harmony.

We had a good time the last night of the year. At midnight we were all on our knees praying for God to give us deeper things. While Brother Tomlinson is writing about deeper things we are asking God for them.

Yours for the Master,
Jim Aylor.

JUSTIFICATION A
BIBLE DOCTRINE

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er." These two expressions are closely connected. To be hateful, one is offensive, and turns another off abruptly without showing kindness or courtesy. To hate, means to dislike and abhor another whether it is manifested outwardly or not. If one is like this before he is justified, it is only logical to conclude one loses his justification if he falls into such a condition after he has been saved, or sanctified or filled with the Holy Ghost.

Some say we are justified by faith and do not mention the blood in connection with it, others seem to lay stress on the blood and almost disregard the faith, but it is a pleasure to notice that Paul recognizes both. In this connection he says, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God." (Rom. 5:1.) A little further down in the same chapter he says, "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Rom. 5:9.) Paul also shows that the raising of Jesus from the dead was included in our justification. Jesus "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." (Rom. 4:25.)

It matters not how we are justified just so we have the experience, but we know that it came through Jesus and the atonement He made and this is sufficient. We have to be justified to be saved from our sins. (Acts 13:39, Rom. 3:23, 24.) and have to be justified in order to retain the experience of sanctification.

When the experience is defined it makes it clear that it takes justification to make a person acceptable with God. We quote Webster as authority for the meaning of English words. Justification: The act of acceptance of a man by God as justified by the merits of Jesus Christ, on the ground of faith and repentance.

When one meets the conditions of repentance that God requires and his sins are forgiven, then he is justified through Christ's own merits; but if he disobeys, commits sin again, or breaks God's laws either in his own knowledge or by being deceived in some manner he ceases to be justified.

This is indeed a close way, but to those who are sincere, honest and determined to follow God's Bible, it does not seem too close, nor is there much danger of this class falling into error and losing their experience.

Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and
Saints of God:

As this is the first day of a new year I have made a resolution that I will, by the help of God, live true to Him and to my fellow man through thick and thin. "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

It is true that I have not been saved from sin very long and I am weak, only an infant babe in Christ, but we all must do our bit. We can't all be preachers, prophets and teachers, but we must not sit down and fold our arms and say we can't do anything for Jesus. That is a sad mistake; we can by the grace of God do our bit. If we are now weak we need to pray that we may be stronger in Christ Jesus.

If we chance to not be preachers or teachers, we can divide our means with the poor who are in need; we can speak kind words to those who are down-hearted and by so doing some poor lost soul will be brought to Jesus. But if we sit unconcerned that soul will spend eternity in that burning lake of fire and brimstone.

Last Sunday a man came out from Chicago to tell the boys about God and His love. Toward the close of his discourse he asked: "Is there a boy here who has made a resolution for the beginning of the new year?" One rose and said: "I am going to be a better boy." That made my heart bound with joy. When he sat down I rose to my feet and said: "I WILL live true to God and my fellow man as I have in the past through thick and thin." As I uttered the last word he jumped and caught me by the hand, threw his arm around my neck and said: "That is my resolution." He then sang, "Nearer my God to thee." This made me rejoice in my heart.

This morning as I was sitting on a bench reading my little Testament I could feel the power of God to the very tip of my toes. Suddenly a young man came and sat down on the seat beside me; he sat there a few moments and listened to me read. Presently he said: "I would give anything if I were religious and had religion." I began to talk to him and continued to read the Bible to him. He appreciated it. This made me feel good. "Though we are weak we can do our bit."

Are we going to sit down and idle our time away and see some soul that we might have saved sink in despair? If we are, we are in danger of damnation ourselves.

Did you ever stop to think that there is some poor soul out in the dark, dreary world alone, without food and proper clothing, and no place to lay his head, with nobody to tell him about Jesus? A little food and a few kind words would bring him to Jesus. How can we live in luxury and lay up money and give nothing for the glory of God?

Now, shall we sit down and do nothing for these poor boys who are ignorant of God's love, and let Satan drag them down by telling them they are away from home and no one will find out their wrong doings because no one knows them? They forget there is a God who is seeing all things.

This afternoon just after I received my paper and was reading it, a young man came and sat down by me and asked me to

let him see the paper. He read the paper through and then made this remark: "I am going to live a better life."

I ask the dear saints to pray for me and for these poor boys here that we may some day have a share in God's glory land.

Your brother in Jesus,
George Danehower.
Camp Dewey, Co. H.
3rd Reg. Great Lakes, Ill.

Anniston, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I enjoy reading the Evangel. About one year ago one of my old friends came to see me and I subscribed for the paper. He talked to me of the Church of God and its teachings so much that I became interested.

I had been blessed several years ago in the Pentecostal meetings but I had drifted away. But I again became hungry to follow the Lord and came to Him with a full purpose of heart to do His will and follow Him wherever He should lead me.

So the joy of salvation was restored to my soul and I was brought into the fellowship of the saints and united with the Church of God at Jacksonville, Ala., the first Sunday in June 1917.

There are a few of us here in Anniston, Ala., but we have no place to worship except in the homes. The Lord blesses us, however, in our cottage meetings. We are trusting the Lord to give us a place for public worship.

The coming of the soldiers' camp here has caused a scarcity of vacant houses.

We expect to be in the work of the Lord here as Anniston is a needy field. I love the Lord and His people and I want to do all the good I can for the upbuilding of His cause. I want to be fully yielded up to do my Master's will.

Your brother in Christ,
O. H. Hall.

Bogalusa, La.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I desire to praise the Lord for the way He is working at this place. I promised Him recently that if He would heal me of measles I would testify of it to the world, and I certainly want to tell the people that He is indeed the same yesterday, today and forever, and that He heals today the same as in Apostolic days.

Brother Haynes came over just before Christmas and preached four nights for us. We expect him to hold another meeting for us soon. Pray that God will use him in preaching the Word to this people.

The Lord has some true sheep here; they are going to hear His voice and a stranger will they not follow.

Please pray for me that I may be faithful and press onward looking for the coming of Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,
Lillie Evans.

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